

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

*(i) Re : release of water to Gouramma and V : Halapur Tanks the
Tungabhadra Board.*

B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH (Hospet).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the refusal by some officers of Tungabhadra Board to carry out the instructions of their officers regarding release of water to Gouramma and Vittalapur tanks.

10-00 A. M.

SRI DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I stetias follows :

Ramasagar tank also known as Vittalpur Tank has authorised atchkat of about 66 acres. It is situated below the Tungabhadra Low Level Canal between Miles 6 to 1. The four streams feeding this tank which are crossed by the Low Level Canal have been provided with under tunnels, and therefore, the discharge from the catchment of the streams feeding this tank is not obstructed by the canal. The Gowramma Tank is another work situated below the Tungabhadra Low Level Canal between Miles 8 and 11. The existing ayacut including unauthorised irrigation under this tank is 120 acres of the 4 valleys that are feeding this tank two are provided with under tunnels and are not obstructed by the Low Level Canal. In the case of other remainint two streams, the waters from the natural valleys are led into the Low Level Canal by an inlet and the watters so let into the canal are let out from the other bank of the canal by means of an escape. It is reported that the Tungabhadra Board have raised the height of this escape by about 6". The Tungabhadra Board has been addressed to lower the level of this escape, so that the natural drainage flows into the tank unobstructed.

In view of representations received, action was taken to release water from the Low Level Canal to feed these two tanks during this year. It is reported by the Tungabhadra Board that water to the extent of 20 cusecs was drawn from 21st April 1972 to 9th May 1972. It is also reported by the Tungabhadra Board that the local ryots had breached the Low Level Canal in certain places to draw this water. As regards the officers of the Tungabhadra Board not carrying out the instructions of their officers in the matter, the issue is being examined and will be taken up with the concerned.

SRI B. SATYANARAYANA SINGH.—Is it a fact that the superintending Engineer of the Tungabhadra Board who happens to be an honorary officer refused to implement the orders of the Chief Engineer who is an officer in the Tungabhadra Board?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—That is under consideration.

SRI SATYANARAYANA SINGH.—That is the specific issue I had raised but that has not been answered. How long should this State carry on with this sort of insulting action and what steps the Government propose to take to stop this sort of partial administration by the Tungabhadra Board?

SRI DEVARAJ URS.—I think the hon. Minister of State for P.W.D. has answered that the Government of Mysore are corresponding with the Central Government to do away with the Board. I think the hon. member must have heard about it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಸತ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣಸಿಂಗ್.—ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಈ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನಿಂದಾಗಿ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳಾಗುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಫುಲ್ ಟೈಂ ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಫುಲ್ ಟೈಂ ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲು ಇರುವ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾದರೂ ಏನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಒಬ್ಬರು ಫುಲ್ ಟೈಂ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸುವುದರಿಂದೇನೂ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲ. ಇವರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ನೇಮಿಸುವ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿಚಾರಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಇರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಒತ್ತಿ ಹೇಳೋಣ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ತುಂಗಭದ್ರಾ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪನವರು ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು ಎಂದರೆ ಈ ಬೋರ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾ ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮೇಲಿನ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹಿಂದಿನ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಕೂಡ ಶಿಫಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು ಮತ್ತು ಅದೇ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಈಗ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್‌ರವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗೂ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ತದ್ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಫೈನಲ್ ಆಗಿ ಸರಕಾರ ನಿಲುವೇನು.

SRI DEVARAJ URS.—I will examine and let you know.

(ii) *Re: evication of ryots from forest lands in Shimoga district.*

SRI S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR (Hosanagar).—I Call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and forests to the evication of ryots from forest lands in Shimoga District.

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minster for Agriculture and forestes.

The Honble Members know very well that forests are our National assets and it is the scared duty of every one of us to preserve them and develop them. The results that follow from indiscriminate feelings of trees and over exploitation of forests are well known and our regeneration operations cannot keep pace with exploitations of forests unless the latter are regulated under long term plants. It is with these facts in view indiscriminate and illicit fellings of trees in the forests as well as encroachments on forest lands discouraged and when found they art dealt with a firm hand. Besides, the Honble Members are aware that